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**Public Notice**

The City Council of Raymond, Iowa met in regular session on Monday, February 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Vick presiding, Council Members: Sorensen, Thies, Cronbaugh, and Pint. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Vick. Motion to Approve Agenda: Sorensen/Cronbaugh, Ayes-4, Motion Carried

Public Comments - none  
Engineer Report - none  
Sewer Report - People Service's Jordan Cooper explained the division of sewer aspects  
Motion to Approve Consent of Agent after Sewer Report: Cronbaugh/Pint, Ayes-4, Motion carried  
Bills for Feb 16, 2026

Robert, Steven, Prendergast	\$568.75	City of Elk Run	\$13,615.73
Waste Management	\$3,985.34	Power Services Company	\$475.77
Iowa One Call	\$24.40	Best Services	\$119.00
Creative Impact	\$127.00	Teri Reel (Mileage)	\$6.62
JQ Construction LLC	\$43,200.00	Card Services City Hall	\$600.08
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Utility Equipment Company	\$100.00	IRS	\$284.51
Apparatus Testing Services LLC	\$768.50	IPERS	\$357.58
Delwein Publishing	\$85.62	MidAmerican	\$1,389.77
Waterloo Works	\$1,432.26		

Motion to Appoint: Vince Wellman to fill Council vacancy pursuant to Iowa Code 372.13 (2)(a), Pint/Cronbaugh, Ayes-4, Motion carried, Vince Wellman was sworn in as a Raymond City Council Member  
Motion to Set Date: for the second reading of proposed Ordinance 232, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Raymond, Accessory Buildings Structures, Hoop Buildings, and uses, Monday, March 2, 2026 Sorensen/Thies, Ayes-5, Motion carried Motion to Approve: Alcohol License for DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #30944, Pint/Sorensen, Ayes-5, Motion carried Motion to Table: Amendment to 28 E Agreement between Raymond and Elk Run Heights, providing for Waste Treatment System Construction and Operation, Cronbaugh/Sorensen, Ayes-5, Motion carried Motion to Approve: Resolution 2026-1666 approving the transfer funds of \$43,200.00 from SPEC REV - LOST to CAPITAL PROJECTS for the Manhole Project, Pint/Cronbaugh, Ayes-5, Motion carried  
Communications - approximately 20 round Veteran Plaques have been stolen from St Joe's Cemetery, the Black Hawk Sheriff Department are investigating, pawn shops have been notified, possible cemetery cameras may be installed  
Adjournment - 6:45 p.m.  
Published in the Bulletin Journal on February 28, 2026.

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**Public Notice**

The Independence City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at 5:30 p.m., on Mon., Feb. 23, 2026. Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, and Appleby in attendance. Hanna attended via phone. This meeting was available for public attendance. The meeting was also broadcast on the local access channel, YouTube, and Facebook. O'Loughlin/Weber to approve the agenda as presented for the regular meeting held Feb. 23, 2026. Ayes: All. Mayner/Moore to accept and approve the consent agenda that approves the following: a) The minutes of the Feb. 9, 2026, Regular Meeting. b) The minutes of the Feb. 10, 2026, Special Meeting. c) Allerton Brewing Company LLC Class C retail alcohol ownership update amendment. d) River's Edge Sport & Fitness Special Class C retail alcohol license application with a tentative effective date of Feb. 10, 2026. Ayes: All. Mayor Bleichner stated the claim for Alex Sattizahn needed to be removed from claims. O'Loughlin/Appleby to approve the following bills for payment. Ayes: All.

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, EQUIP CONTRACT-ALL	\$1,921.68
ADP, PAYROLL SVCS	\$108,387.53
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS, SUPPLIES-W,B,A	\$100.55
AIR SERVICES INC, SERVICES-W	\$540.88
AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS, SUPPLIES-L	\$906.22
AMERICAN COLOR IMAGING, PRINTING-L	\$421.31
BEAM INSURANCE ADMIN LLC, VSP-BEAM BENEFIT	\$545.25
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING, SUPPLIES-L	\$193.45
BLACK HAWK CO HEALTH DEPT, LICENSE-PR	\$300.00
BRODART CO, BOOKS-L	\$891.86
BUCHANAN CO AUDITOR, MAPS-ST	\$15.84
BUCHANAN CO LANDFILL, DUES-G	\$6,064.00
BUCHANAN CO HEALTH CENTER, MISC EXP-AMB,ST,W	\$11,847.41
CARD SVCS-LIBRARY, MISC EXP-L	\$229.37
CARD SVCS-VISA, MISC EXP-PR,PD,F,CH	\$23,713.63
CENGAGE LEARNING, BOOKS-L	\$242.18
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, BOOKS-L	\$88.81
CITY LAUNDERING CO, INC, BLDG MAINT-PD	\$185.62
COLE'S ACE HARDWARE, SUPPLIES-L	\$24.80
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA, SNOW REMOVAL-ST	\$5,020.08

CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO, FUEL-A,ST,W	\$4,349.68
CY & CHARLEY'S, VEH REPAIR-PD	\$65.92
DEMCO, SUPPLIES-L	\$205.45
DINGES FIRE CO, EQUIP-F	\$667.92
DON'S TRUCK SALES INC, VEH REPAIR-ST	\$5,778.61
EAST-CENTRAL IA R.E.C., UTILITIES-A,PR,ST,CH,W	\$2,952.64
EDMUNDS GOVTECH, FEES-CH	\$5,187.50
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS, SAFE-T FUND	\$4,094.85
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES, SUPPLIES-PR	\$142.00
HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC., VEH REPAIR-ST	\$1,661.66
HILLTOP MOTORS INC, VEH REPAIR-PD	\$80.00
HUPP ELECTRIC MOTORS INC, EQUIP-W	\$1,995.00
HYMAN SERVICES, SNOW REMOVAL-L	\$150.00
IA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGNS-ST	\$284.90
INDEP LIGHT & POWER, UTILITIES-ALL	\$32,426.01
INDEP NAPA, SUPPLIES-PR,F	\$328.97
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, BOOKS-L	\$959.27
IA DEPT OF REV, SALESTAX-PR,W	\$11,708.14
IA PSYCHIC BUREAU, PROGRAM-L	\$350.00
J. ROBERT HOPSON INC., SERVICES-CH	\$550.00
J & R SUPPLY INC, SUPPLIES-W	\$910.00
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD, BOOKS-L	\$16.06
KRIVACHEK JANITORIAL SUPPLY, SUPPLIES-ST	\$243.97
LIBRARY IDEAS LLC, BOOKS-L	\$404.42
LYNCH DALLAS, PC, LEGAL SVC-CH	\$4,075.10
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE, SERVICES-F	\$1,500.00
MCGRATH CONSULTING GROUP, INC, COMP STUDY-ALL	\$4,000.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, UTILITIES-ST,W,L,PR	\$6,559.82
MIDWEST JANITORIAL SVC, BLDG MAINT-L	\$1,635.00
MIKE COX, PROGRAM-L	\$250.00
NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE, EQUIP-F	\$11,785.78
OFFICE TOWNE INC., SUPPLIES-PR, ST	\$209.44
OVERDRIVE INC., SOFTWARE-L	\$4,000.00
PINE GROVE SHOES & MORE, UNIFORM-ST	\$17.75
PRECISION PLUMBING, HEATING, SERVICES-PR, ST	\$10,674.05
PURCHASE POWER, POSTAGE-ALL	\$264.99
PUSH-PEDAL-PULL INC, EQUIP-PR	\$10,776.00
RACOM CORP, SUPPLIES-F	\$195.00
RANGER REED, SNOW REMOVAL-L	\$150.00

ROTO-ROOTER, SERVICES-W	\$1,162.50
RYAN EXTERMINATING INC., BLDG MAINT-PR	\$74.88
RYDELL AUTO GROUP, VEH REPAIR-PD	\$1,756.48
S&K COLLECTIBLES, SHIPPING-W	\$24.60
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER, SUPPLIES-PR	\$1,903.73
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST CO, RETIRE BENEFIT	\$8,052.03
STATE FARM, BENEFITS-CH,W,ST	\$32.72
STOREY KENWORTHY, SUPPLIES-L	\$131.71
TASC, MISC EXP	\$2,163.10
TBT SPORTS, TOURNEY FEES-PR	\$24,625.00
TERRY-DURIN CO, EQUIP MAINT-ST	\$2,349.00
THREE OAKS GREENHOUSE, FLOWERS-PR	\$770.00
ULINE, EQUIP-ST	\$337.92
US CELLULAR, UTILITY-L, W	\$779.93
VERN'S TRUE VALUE, SUPPLIES-PR, F, A, L	\$262.21
WELLMARK CBBS, HEALTH BENEFIT	\$48,282.03
CLAIMS TOTAL \$385,954.21; General \$173,193.14; Library \$24,888.37; Hotel-Motel \$770.00; St. Dept-RUT \$42,419.66; Employee Benefits \$43,023.38; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$29,572.82; Water \$26,484.43; Sewer Utility \$41,507.56; Self Insurance \$4,027.51; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$67.34. REV MTD TOTAL \$572,268.23; General \$123,918.73; Library \$82,081.48; St. Dept-RUT \$55,076.70; Employee Benefits \$4,987.02; Tax Increment Financing \$2,870.94; Debt Svc \$30,095.75; Debt-Special Assess \$762.80; Cap Outlay Savings/LOST \$35,964.23; Water \$52,043.31; Water Rev Bond \$7,737.92; Sewer Utility \$146,912.29; Sewer SRF Sinking Fund \$7,928.42; Storm Water \$7,822.53; Self Insurance \$13,917.87; Self Insurance-Enterprise \$148.24. O'Loughlin/Mayner with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution outlining changes to the Employee Handbook. Ayes: All. Res No. 2026-15. O'Loughlin/Mayner with a motion to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the 2026 - 2031 agreement with the IA DOT. Ayes: All. Weber/O'Loughlin with a motion to approve the 2025 Strategic Plan. Ayes: All. Moore/O'Loughlin with a motion to approve the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2027 - 2037 as presented. Ayes: All. Comments were heard from Council and Staff. O'Loughlin/Mayner to adjourn. Ayes: All. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m. Published in the Bulletin Journal on February 28, 2026.	

**Public Notice**  
February 17, 2026

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Present: John Kurtz, Dawn Vogel and Keith Wieland.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Motion by Kurtz second by Wieland to add to the agenda approval of Lucky Wife Wine Slushes liquor license. All in favor motion carried.  
Motion by Wieland second by Kurtz to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026, regular meeting. All in favor motion carried.  
Motion by Wieland second by Kurtz to approve employee claims filed with the County Auditor for \$843.30. All in favor motion carried.  
Motion by Kurtz second by Wieland to approve the resignation of Ashley Lau, Human Resources Director effective February 20, 2026. All in favor motion carried.  
Motion by Kurtz second by Wieland to approve monthly employee health trust fund report. All in favor motion carried.  
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Motion by Kurtz second by Wieland to place on file the following manure management plans: Erickson, Middlefield Township, Section 30; WB Farms, Fairbank Township, Section 27. All in favor motion carried.  
Discussion was held regarding setting public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Fund EMS Equipment Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,032,000. After discussion, motion by Kurtz second by Wieland to set the public hearing by resolution as follows.: All in favor motion carried.

receiving objections, the County may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.  
By order of the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Iowa.  
**Section 3.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.  
**Section 4.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.  
THOSE VOTING AGAINST THE PASSAGE:  
THOSE VOTING FOR THE PASSAGE: Vogel, Kurtz and Wieland  
Approved on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.  
Discussion was held regarding setting public hearing on proposal to enter into a Internal Loan/Non-Current Debt Agreement in the aggregate amount of \$457,000 (the "Advance") for the purpose of funding a portion of the costs of salaries and benefits related to startup of County-facilitated Emergency Medical Services in the County. After discussion, motion by Wieland second by Kurtz to set the public hearing by resolution. All in favor motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 26-14**  
**AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Resolution Setting Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposal to Incur Non-Current Debt  
**WHEREAS**, Buchanan County, Iowa (the "County"), has held a successful election (the "Election") on the proposal to levy taxes (the "EMS Tax") pursuant to Iowa Code Section 422D on November 4, 2025 for the purpose of providing funding for Emergency Medical Services purposes in the County, but the revenues from the EMS Tax will not be immediately available in sufficient amounts; and  
**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Section 331.478 authorizes counties to incur non-current debt in the form of internal advances in order to fund expenditures authorized by prior vote of the electorate; and  
**WHEREAS**, it has been proposed that the County facilitate an internal advance of funds in the aggregate amount of \$457,000 (the "Advance") for the purpose of funding a portion of the costs of salaries and benefits related to startup of County-facilitated Emergency Medical Services in the County, as authorized by the Election; and  
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 331.479 of the Code of Iowa, it is now necessary to (i) fix a date of meeting of the Board of Supervisors at which it is proposed to take action to approve the Advance; and (ii) to give notice thereof as required by such law;  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Iowa, as follows:  
**Section 1.** This Board will meet at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Independence, Iowa, on March 9, 2026, at 9:25 a.m., at which time and place a hearing will be held and proceedings will be instituted and action taken to approve the Advance.  
**Section 2.** The County Auditor shall publish notice of said hearing, the same being in the applicable form attached to this resolution, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper of general circulation in Buchanan County, which publication shall be not less than four (4) and not more than twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing.  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE INCURRENCE OF NONCURRENT DEBT IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$457,000 (NONCURRENT DEBT)**  
The Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Iowa, will meet on March 9, 2026, at the Board of Supervisor Chambers, Independence, Iowa at 9:25 a.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action on a proposal to incur noncurrent debt (the "Noncurrent Debt") in a principal amount not to exceed \$457,000 for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of salaries and benefits related to startup of County-facilitated Emergency Medical Services in the County. The County intends to repay the Noncurrent Debt with the proceeds of taxes levied pursuant to Chapter 422D and prior voter approval at an election held on November 4, 2025.  
At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to incur the Noncurrent Debt. After receiving objections, the County may determine to incur the Noncurrent Debt.  
The Noncurrent Debt will be in the form of one or more internal advances of funds from the County's General Fund for the payment of EMS-related costs as set forth above and shall be repaid on or before March 1, 2030. The Noncurrent Debt will be incurred pursuant to authority contained in Section 331.478 and Section 331.479 of the Code of Iowa.  
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**RESOLUTION 26-12**  
**AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 26-A-2**  
**BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA**

**WHEREAS**, proposed the adoption and enactment of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.  
**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 26-A-2**  
**BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA**  
The rezoning of property located in Fairbank Township, Section 2, to rezone 2.0 acres +/- from "A-1" Agricultural to "A-2" Agricultural.  
**BE IT ORDAINED:**  
That Section IV of the Buchanan County, Iowa, Zoning Ordinance be amended to reflect the zoning change on the official zoning maps as follows:  
**Legal Description**  
2-90-10 COM 728.42'E NW COR SW SE CONT E597.65' S1330.73' W569.78' N250' W26.45' N1081.65' TO POB (PARCEL F)  
**NOW THEREFORE** the above was read and voted upon by the Board of Supervisors, and it was denied by a vote of 2-1 by the Board of Supervisors and it is now and therefore denied.  
THOSE VOTING AGAINST THE PASSAGE: Kurtz and Vogel  
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Zoning request was denied on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.  
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Board and Commission updates were heard.  
The Board heard no public comments.  
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Dawn Vogel, Chairperson  
Buchanan County Supervisor  
Attest: Kris Wilgenbusch, Auditor  
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